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WOMAN OVERHEARD TIP THAT LED TO CAPTURE OF "GYP" AND "LEFTY"

Detective Meyers, Angered by Inquiry, Tells How Clues to Hiding Place of Two Gunmen Were Discovered.

MOSS FAILS TO PROVE ANY LETTERS WERE FOUND

Witnesses in John Doe Proceeding Do Not Support Suspicion That Becker Evidence Was Suppressed.

The intimation that the police obstructed the cause of justice by seizing and withholding from the District-Attorney letters captured in the flat of "Lefty Louie" and "Gyp the Blood" had not been substantiated at the conclusion of Justice Goff's John Doe inquiry this afternoon. Assistant District-Attorney Moss, who has been pushing the investigation, proclaimed that he is not criticising the police and has not criticised the police.

Aroused by the reports emanating from the District-Attorney's office that "Lefty Louie" and "Gyp the Blood" had been captured, Detective Michael Meyers of the Central Office confirmed to-day the exclusive news printed in yesterday's Evening World that a woman played an important part in the capture. From Moss's statement it appears that the woman overheard a conversation which led to the discovery of the hiding place of the fugitives. The identity of the police authorities.

"The arrest of 'Gyp' and 'Lefty' was brought about through me," said Meyers. "For three weeks at my own expense I kept two 'stool pigeons' in a cafe in Grand street about a block from where 'Lefty's' family lives and which I knew he and his wife frequented. I knew their companions and associates frequented this place as well as those of 'Gyp' and his wife. I had known 'Gyp' and 'Lefty' since they were boys, and in fact I introduced 'Gyp' to the girl he married. The two stool pigeons and the Harlem woman whom I induced to accompany them, heard many things as to the whereabouts of the two men and many conversations about the fugitives. They reported nightly to me and in turn I reported to Commissioner Dougherty. The arrests were brought about by placing these things together and from additional information which I had per-

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Baseball Scores To-Day

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

AT NEW YORK.

CHICAGO 0 2 3 0 —
GIANTS 0 0 0 0 —

AT BROOKLYN.

PITTSBURG 1 0 1 1 0 —
BROOKLYN 1 1 1 1 2 —

AT PHILADELPHIA.

CINCINNATI 0 0 0 0 1 0 —
PHILADELPHIA 0 0 0 4 1 0 2 —

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

AT CLEVELAND.

BOSTON 0 0 0 0 2 1 0 0 —
CLEVELAND 2 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 —

BROTHER IS HERE TO AVENGE DEATH OF MRS. SZABO

Lands From Liner With Proof She Knew Mother, Named in Will, Was Dead.

DELAY IN GIBSON CASE.

But He Must Show by Friday What Became of Money Left by Client.

Franz Menschlik, brother of Rosa Menschlik Szabo, arrived here from Vienna to-day aboard the Kaiser Wilhelm II. of the North German Lloyd line. Almost the first word he uttered after he was met by a secretary of the Austro-Hungarian Consulate was that he was confident his sister had been murdered and that he would do everything in his power to avenge her death. The young man, who is six years his dead kinswoman's junior, is an official in the Post Office at Vienna—a big blond, handsome Austrian, who seemed impressed with the gravity of his mission to America. He brought with him photographs of his sister when she was a young girl, a photograph of his dead mother and the official certificate of her death; also the letters and postal cards he got from Mrs. Szabo before and after her death.

MARRIED COUNT SZABO WHEN SHE WAS TWENTY-ONE.

"My sister," declared Franz Menschlik, "was twenty-one years old when she fell in love with Count Villa Szabo. He was a captain or dragon, a man of family and high social standing. My sister was engaged in the concert halls of Vienna and was talked of as very beautiful. When Count Szabo spoke to his family of his love for her, they were hostile. So he left the army and came to New York, and a little later he sent for Rosa to come to him. She sailed for New York and married him."

"For three years she continued to write to us and then her letters suddenly stopped coming. We all of us wrote my mother, my four brothers, and my three sisters, but no replies came. For seventeen years we never heard from her in any way. Then last July I got a letter and my brother, Dr. Ladislaus Menschlik, got a letter. 'She wrote that she had saved \$10,000 and asked our advice about investing it. She said she was lonely and wanted to come home to Austria and see us. More letters came and there were postal cards for all the family. In the last letters Rosa wrote she said she would sail in August and bring her savings with her. She said she had decided not to invest the money until she came to Austria. The next we heard was that she had died in a strange way and that the Austrian Consulate was investigating her death and the will she made, leaving all her money to her mother, who had been dead for more than twenty years.'"

The brother of the victim of the Greenwood Lake tragedy said he was sure he could establish the identity of his sister by her photographs taken as a girl and by looking at the photographs taken before she died. When he last saw her she was only sixteen years old, but was a woman grown.

TAKES HIS PROOFS TO AUSTRIAN CONSUL.

After disembarking from the Kaiser Wilhelm II. Franz Menschlik went at once to the Austro-Hungarian Consulate to turn over the documents and photographs he had brought with him and to consult with Arpad A. Kremer, attorney for the Consulate. He will go to Middletown next week when Lawyer Burton W. Gibson is arraigned on the charge of murdering his sister.

Menschlik identified several photographs of Mrs. Szabo taken before her death. When he last saw his sister she was a full grown robust woman and he said she had changed but little in the twenty years since she left her home in Vienna. Surrogate Fowler to-day made a provisional disposition of the proceedings brought before him to have Lawyer Gibson removed as executor and sole administrator of the estate of Mrs. Szabo when he gave Charles Goldzier, counsel for Lawyer Gibson, until Friday to show that Gibson had not misused any of the \$10,000 of the estate of Mrs. Szabo which he drew from the estate's account shortly before his arrest. The Court made this ruling in reply to a motion made by Menschlik.

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MILE-A-MINUTE MOTOR CAPSIZES IN SWIFT RACE

Overturned by Wash of Her Rival, Peter Pan, in Yonkers Contest.

CREW BARELY ESCAPES.

Rescued by the Bull Moose When the Crippled Craft Plunges to Bottom.

While speeding at more than forty miles an hour, the mile a minute motor boat, Tech Jr.—said by many to be the fastest craft ever launched—plunged to the bottom of the Hudson river this afternoon, during one of the speed boat races of the National Motor Boat carnival of the Yonkers Yacht Club. Her driver, Captain Malcolm Billaborough of Cape May, and the mechanic, Arthur Booye of Atlantic City, had narrow escapes from drowning. The boat slipping from beneath them and shot downward while they clung to its upturned keel awaiting rescue. They were finally dragged from the water by the crew of the Bull Moose, another racing motor boat that was in the vicinity.

WASH FROM RIVAL OVERTURNS THE TECH.

Then the Tech opened up and the boats were abreast as they swept around the extreme end of the turn. The Tech was on the outside, and as they whirled around at a speed of more than forty miles an hour the wash from the Peter Pan struck the Tech and over her. The crew were tossed into the water and they rose to the surface, found the racer still afloat, but bottom up. They crawled aboard, but had been there only a few minutes when the stern of the craft settled and the boat disappeared. It is possible that she may be located and raised, but it is feared she will be a total loss.

When Tom Strafer, driving the Peter Pan, saw the Tech turn turtle he put about ready to render assistance. He could not reach the swamped craft before the Bull Moose did so. He resumed his course and finished the thirty miles alone in 28 minutes, 16 seconds, averaging more than thirty miles an hour for the entire distance.

The Tech Jr. was the property of Coleman Dupont. In a trial against time on Huntington Bay recently, she was credited with having attained a speed of 38 miles an hour. Some question the accuracy of this time, but it is conceded on all sides that the craft was one of the most remarkable ever turned out.

RACING TO-DAY BETTER THAN YESTERDAY.

Today's racing was a vast improvement over that of yesterday. The river was very smooth and exceptionally fast time was made in all classes. The second heat of the series races for cruising boats were run off early. In Class E for cabin power boats between 40 and 50 feet long, James Simpson's Peter Pan Senior again went away from the field, making the 22.1-2 mile course in 1 hour, 27 minutes, 57 seconds. The other contestants were Laddy Betty, Spin-drift and Amulet.

F. C. Hansen's Avis repeated her victory of yesterday in Class D for cruising yachts over 50 feet long, again winning over the Caroline, Hall-fax cruiser winner in 2 hours 21 minutes and 5 seconds. The winner of to-day's heat in Class F, under forty feet, was Alfred S. Time 1 hour 51 minutes 19 seconds. This boat defeated the Canadice Empire and Idlette. Amel and Kliz were first in Class G and H respectively, their time being 1 hour 47 minutes 43 seconds and 1 hour 47 minutes 41 seconds.

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Captain Who Made Affidavit and One of the Men He Saw



POLICE CAPTAIN JOHN T. REITH.

DOC AND HIS WIFE HAD A LITTLE—ER— AH—ALTERCATION!

She Wouldn't Let Him See Letter, So They—er—Dis-agreed in Street.

When Policeman Schultz pushed through a dense crowd at Fifty-third street and Seventh avenue to-day, expecting to find two longhorns or pugnacious truck drivers locked in combat, he discovered instead a tall, fashionably dressed man with a sleek, professional air, trying to wrestle a pretty, elegantly gowned woman to the ground. A little girl of about four years was dancing about the pair, crying in terror at the top of her lungs.

The man seemed to be trying to pry a crumpled envelope out of the woman's hand, and she, resisting with all her power and beating his face with a clenched fist, was endeavoring to prevent his obtaining the letter. Both were tumbled and heated.

"Hey! Cut that out or I'll have to punch you!" the policeman ordered. But the two paid no heed to him and he made good his threat.

When the quarrelling twain appeared before Magistrate Kerougan in the West Side Court the man took the stand first to say that they lived in the Stratmore apartments at Fifty-second street and Broadway.

"We have never had an unhappy moment," said the doctor, "until to-day a letter came to my wife and she refused to let me see it. I believed it was a husband's right to see his wife's letters, and when I insisted it led to this—altercation."

Then pretty Mrs. Starkey had her turn. "I got this letter this morning," she said in a voice still shaken with anger, "and I would have been glad to show it to my husband, if he had asked for it in a gentlemanly way. He didn't so I wouldn't. That's all there is to it."

Then the wife passed over for the magistrate's inspection the crumpled object of dispute. It was nothing but an order for six pounds, which Mrs. Starkey said came from her mother in England.

3 1-2 MILES HIGH IS NEW RECORD OF FRENCH FLYER

Le Gagneux Soars Nearly a Half-Mile Higher Than Predecessor.

PARIS, Sept. 17.—Aviator Le Gagneux broke the altitude record to-day with an 1824-foot ascent.

He flew a monoplane. The previous holder of the world's altitude record was Roland G. Garros, who, on Sept. 6, ascended in a monoplane at Honniglate, France, and reached a height of 1629 feet.

Le Gagneux left the aerodrome at Issy and landed at Lilla Coublay, near Versailles, within an hour. He did not seem tired, but declared himself "frozen to the bones."

"I am satisfied," he added, "that I could have reached an altitude of four miles, but I ran into so thick a fog that I was compelled to stop, as it was impossible for me to tell where I was."

BRACE HELD FOR MURDER.

NEWYORK, Sept. 17.—At the adjourned inquest into the murder of John Grace, the wrestler, in Walden this afternoon his brother, William Grace, was held on a charge of murder in the first degree.

CAPTAIN TELLS HOW UNDER SHERIFF NAMED \$15,000 FOR PROMOTION

Reith Says He Reported Facts to Commissioner Bingham, Who Became Excited, but Later Passed Him in the List.

WALDO GIVES COUNSEL FOR ALDERMEN AFFIDAVIT

Former Secretary of Water Board, Thomas Hassett, Also Named in Paper Delivered to Buckner.

The contents of the now famous \$15,000 affidavit to which Police Commissioner Waldo referred before the Aldermanic Graft Investigating Committee are herewith made public for the first time by The Evening World.

Police Captain John T. Reith of the Macdougall street station is the captain who testified that he could have obtained promotion for \$15,000, and that, failing to pay it, he was not promoted during the Bingham administration.

Commissioner Waldo submitted a copy of the affidavit to Emory R. Buckner, who is conducting the investigation for the Aldermanic committee. Mr. Waldo will submit the original document at the session of the committee to-morrow.

The following persons, all of whom are referred to in the affidavit, will be called upon to testify as witnesses before the committee:

Former Under Sheriff ALFRED J. JOHNSON, who was once private secretary to the late Mayor Hugh J. Grant, and who is now attached to the office staff of Daniel Reid, financier.

Former Secretary of the Board of Water Supply of New York City THOMAS HASSETT, who is now confidential adviser to State Engineer and Surveyor John A. Bessel.

Former Police Commissioner Gen. THEODORE A. BINGHAM, now an engineer in the Department of Bridges of New York City.

Former Police Lieutenant JOHN T. REITH, now a captain in command of the Macdougall street station.

Mr. Buckner has learned that Capt. Reith was promoted from the rank of lieutenant May 29, 1911, under the regime of Commissioner Waldo, and that his promotion did not cost him one cent. Reith was in a batch of lieutenant's advancement to the rank of captain upon their civil service records at the time Waldo resigned as Police Commissioner and took charge of the Police Department.

NO PRESSURE USED TO GET THE AFFIDAVIT.

How Reith came to make the \$15,000 affidavit has not been learned by the counsel or members of the Aldermanic committee, but there is evidence no pressure was brought to bear upon him from those above him. The contents of the affidavit concern an experience which Reith swears he underwent when Gen. Bingham was the head of the Police Department and Col. George B. McClellan was Mayor of New York.

Here is a summary of the contents of the affidavit prepared for The Evening World.

The affidavit has to do with events alleged to have transpired four years ago. Reith charges that he went to the office of Under Sheriff Al Johnson, No. 293 Broadway, and there discussed with him the possibilities of his being promoted from lieutenant to captain. Reith swears that he was taken by Johnson to the office of Secretary of the Board of Water Supply Tom Hassett in the same building, and that Hassett asked him a lot of questions as to how long he had been in the police force, the color of his eyes and his general experience. A week later, Reith swears, he was sent for and called at the residence of Al Johnson on the west side.

Reith swears that Johnson informed him that the people having the power to promote him wanted \$15,000. Reith swears that

shortly after this he laid all the facts of his experience before Gen. Bingham, who was greatly excited to learn of it. Reith swears that he paid no money to any one, and he was passed on in the list when the appointments were made.

LIEUTENANT'S MONEY WAS TIED UP AT THE TIME.

According to information received from friends of Capt. Reith it was learned to-day that had the police lieutenant been of the mind to buy his promotion he was not in a position to get the necessary funds. Such money as he had or could get at the time was tied up in the then closed Knickerbocker Trust Company. Reith appears to have his mouth closed about his alleged experience with Johnson and Hassett for some time, and it was not until after he was made captain that he made his affidavit.

Gratitude is said to have been the motive which caused him to unseal his lips and aid Commissioner Waldo in the latter's efforts to get the rank and file of the force to believe that the days of paying for promotions were over.

Hassett is well known all over the State as a Democratic politician. He originally came from Bath, and before coming to New York was a stenographer in the offices of then Lieut. Gov. David B. Hill, afterward becoming stenographer for the Assembly at Albany. Under Mayor McClellan he was first made chief clerk and afterward assistant secretary to the Mayor, which post he held until December, 1906, when he was made secretary of the Board of Water Supply, which post he resigned in January, 1910.

In one of those famous "letters to a box" which Charles F. Murphy received when he was at Mount Clemens Jim Gaffney wrote to the Tammany leader, saying:

"While talking with Hyde I informed him about Tom Hassett. I said it was an outrage for the city to pay him \$5,000 a year as secretary of the Water Board and McClellan having him going through the State as an advance agent. Hyde made a memorandum and said he would take it up with the Judge, and as soon as the Judge assumed office he would go after Hassett."

HASSETT HAS NEVER BEEN LONG OUT OF A JOB.

The "Letters to a Box" reached the public eye in the fall of 1909 and Hassett resigned early in 1910. He appears to have been out of public employment for a year, but early in January, 1911, he was made confidential adviser to State Engineer and Surveyor Bessel at \$5,000. He now holds this job. Hassett is a pleasant, agreeable and very straightforward